

**ABSTRACT**

A mining structure is created which contains processed data from a data set. This data may be used to train one or more models. In addition to the selection of data to be used by model from data set, processing parameters are set, in one embodiment. For example, the discretization of a continuous variable into buckets, the number of buckets, and/or the sub-range corresponding to each bucket is set when the mining structure is created. The mining structure is processed, which causes the processing and storage of data from data set in the mining structure. After processing, the mining structure can be used by one or more models.